

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANTS :** Zhou et al.

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**EXAMINER :** Rei Tsang Shiao

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**FOR :** PHOSPHONIUM AND IMIDAZOLIUM SALTS AND METHODS OF THEIR  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed June 17, 2009 in the above-referenced case. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and entry of the following amendments, which have been made to place the claims in condition for allowance or for better form on Appeal.

This response is filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action, thereby enabling Applicants to benefit from the extension of time policy as set forth in MPEP §706.07(f) and §714.13. Should there remain unresolved issues that require further action on the part of the Office, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned representative so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8.